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SPRINT TO CHANGE MCA RATES FOR SOME CUSTOMERS UNDER PRICE CAP FILING

Jefferson City (November 6, 2003)---Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint will increase the monthly optional Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) rate for Sprint customers in tiers 3, 4 and 5 of the Kansas City MCA under a price cap filing the telephone company can make under a 1996 Missouri law.

Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) is a service allowing expanded calling in the Kansas City, St. Louis and Springfield areas. For a flat monthly rate, MCA customers can call neighboring exchanges toll-free. This is an optional service in tiers 3, 4 and 5. The rate paid for MCA service is in addition to the rate charged for basic local telephone service.

The Missouri General Assembly passed legislation in 1996 which granted companies such as Sprint the ability to adjust rates with limited Commission oversight (called price cap regulation).

Current MCA rates and those proposed in this matter appear below with those Sprint exchanges in each tier of the Kansas City MCA:

Kansas City MCA-3

Current Residential \$12.35 a month

Proposed Residential \$13.00 a month

Current Business \$24.80 a month

Proposed Business \$26.78 a month

Sprint exchanges in MCA-3---Missouri City, Buckner, Lake Lotawana, Platte City, Ferrelview and Kearney.

Kansas City MCA-4

Current Residential \$21.55 a month

Proposed Residential \$23.00 a month

Current Business \$46.75 a month

Proposed Business \$50.49 a month

Sprint exchanges in MCA-4---Orrick, Harrisonville, Oak Grove, Lone Jack, Weston, Camden Point, Edgerton, Holt and Pleasant Hill.

Kansas City MCA-5

Current Residential \$32.50 a month

Proposed Residential \$35.00 a month

Current Business \$70.70 a month

Proposed Business \$76.35 a month

Sprint exchanges in MCA-5---Wellington, Henrietta, Strasburg, Dearborn, Odessa, Kingsville and Holden.

This rate change represents the first time that Sprint has adjusted MCA rates in tiers 3, 4 and 5 of the Kansas City MCA since 1994. The rate change takes effect December 18, 2003.